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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER

REF: SANTIAGO 9214

1. STATEMENT QUOTED SANTIAGO 9214 HAS BEEN ISSUED BY CHILEAN NEWS AGENCY ORBE. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS JUST ISSUED ANOTHER STATEMENT STATEING CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS INFORMED BY DEPARTMENT THAT AT 9:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 21 A BOMB WENT OFF IN A VEHICLE TRAVELING ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NEAR CHERIDAN CIRCLE, 50 METERS FROM THE CHILEAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE. STATEMENT THEN NOTES THAT AS OF NOON SEPTEMBER 21 ORLANDO LETELIER AND MRS. RONNIE KARPEN MOFFIT HAD DIED, WHILE THE OTHER PASSENGER WAS THE LATTER'S HUSBAND. KARPEN AND HIS WIFE WERE DESCRIBED AS MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES OF WHICH LETELIER WAS THE DIRECTOR.

2. STATEMENT CONTINUES THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS CHILEAN AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION. STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT GOC REGRETS THE OCCURENCE AND REITERATES STRONGEST REJECTION OF EVERY ACT OF TERRORISM.

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3. SHORTLY THEREAFTER FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR

TRUCCO'S STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON.

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